

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

2015 AMA Deer Fence

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: 2015 AMA Deer Fence		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement conservation practices which:	
2. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from on-farm agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
3. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO ₂ (Carbon Dioxide), CH ₄ (Methane), and N ₂ O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
6. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Has applicant worked with USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Service, MDIFW and/or UMCE, or in instances of Tribal Lands, worked with Tribal Warden Service? If Yes 100 points. [NOTE: obtain documentation from applicant that contact has been made]	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. To control deer predation problems in the Orchard location was Noise used to repel deer? [document method(s) used] If Yes 75 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. To control deer predation problems in the Orchard location were Lights used to repel deer? [document method(s) used] If Yes 75 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. To control deer predation problems in the Orchard location was Odor/chemicals used to repel deer? [document method(s) used] If Yes 75 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. To control deer predation problems in the Orchard location were visual deterrents such as decoys, reflectors and/or flagging used? [document method(s) used] If Yes 75 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Answer as applicable for the Orchard location included in the application. Answer only one of 1a or 1b:	
1. a. Does applicant have a current depredation permit to control deer in the Orchard location? (If yes, obtain a copy) If yes, award 50 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. If no current permit, had applicant been issued a deer depredation permit within the last 5 years in the Orchard location? (If yes, obtain a copy if available) If yes, award 25 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Have any deer been taken under permit in the Orchard location within the last 5 years? If yes, award 25 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
According to most current MEIF&W Maine Wildlife Management District deer density data (2013 data), answer only one of 3 a, 3b, 3c, or 3d: Mark orchard location on ME IF&W Wildlife Management District/Deer Population Density map and attach to this ranking sheet.	
3. a. The majority of the Orchard area being considered in this application is in an area with deer population density < 5 deer/sq mile? If yes, award 10 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. The majority of the Orchard area being considered in this application is in an area with deer population density >= 5 to < 10 deer/sq mile? If yes, award 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. The majority of the Orchard area being considered in this application is in an area with deer population density >=10 to < 15 deer/sq mile? If yes, award 30 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. The majority of the Orchard area being considered in this application is in an area with deer population density >= 15 deer/sq mile? If yes, award 50 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Answer only one of 4a or 4b:	
4. a. Land open for hunting to the public (unlimited or by permission only)? If yes, award 75 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Local ordinances prohibit hunting at orchard location. If yes, award 125 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: